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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

On behalf of all members of the Queensland Soccer Football Association and the Sporting Public, it is my pleasant duty to extend to the Managers and players from our sister Dominion, SOUTH AFRICIA, a most sincere and hearty welcome.

During your short stay in our midst we know that we will make friendships and obtain a closer welding of the bonds which should exist between peoples within the British Commonwealth.

The visit of your team provides an opportunity whereby we may enjoy and derive some benefit for the good of the Code.

Some of you have already established reputations for your prowess in South Africa and Rhodesia and we here in Queensland look forward to seeing you in action as an International Team.

The Queensland members of that Australian Team which toured your great country in 1950 have very pleasant memories of the fine reception and friendliness extended to them, and the many friendships which were established and the sportsmanship displayed in the games.

I am confident that you will make many friends as you travel around Australia, but let me assure you that it is our ernest intention of making you feel at home amongst us, creating friendships that will endure, and give you that hospitality for which Queensland stands in high regard.

The best of luck, good football, and a happy time.

L. EASTMENT,
President, Q.S.F.A.

PEN SKETCHES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

TYRELL, Aubrey: The Northern Transvaal goalkeeper to-day is a tried and proved Springbok keeper, who gained his cap against the Australians in South Africa in 1950. Since then he has appeared on many occasions for his country and toured Britain with the Springboks last year.

UYTENBOGAARDT, Albert: A most popular goalkeeper. Stands 6ft. 5in. and was known by the Charlton fans as Humphrey Bogart. Has a long record of top class Soccer Western Province under 16 team and Currie Cup games. Played for Charlton Athletic for 5 years and only the form of the ageless Sam Bartram kept him out of a regular place in the First Division side. Returned to South Africa in 1953.

OELOFSE, Roelof: 28 years old, first made his name at right back for Berea Park. A utility player, he is also outstanding at left half and centre half. Possesses terrific shot which brings in odd goals.

JACQUES, Cliff: Few wing halfbacks in South African Soccer have his skill, speed and initiative. Immediately after the war he proved his worth with Wanderers and later transferred to Rangers, where he was an automatic choice as a half back. He gained his international cap after a succession of excellent brainy games for Southern Transvaal, against the Aussies and followed up by being selected for South Africa against Wolverhampton Wanderers and Newcastle United. Selected to captain the Southern Transvaal side in opposition to Stanley Matthew's Eleven.

RUFUS, Malcolmn John: Age 22, weight 150 lbs., 5ft 8in. First played for Natal during tour of Mauritius during 1951 and has been a regular choice for the team since his first appearance. Plays left half or inside right.

HASTIE, John: Has been for some years one of the anchors of Western Province Soccer. As full back, he was just about an automatic choice for the South African taem to tour Australia and fully deserves his place.

JACOBSON, Morris: Was a member of the South African Maccabi team in Israel and has played for South Transvaal and South Africa on very many occasions. Has established himself as a first class left back and has been sought after by overseas teams without success. One of the most popular figures at the Rand Stadium.

HUGHES, Peter: Joined Balfour Park from Natal, having represented that province; is now in his third season in Southern Transvaal Soccer, having played centre forward the whole of that period.

ZIESING, Ken: A cool, calm and collected half back who previously played for Dundee. Prior to his tour as a professional and since his return has appeared regularly for Marists. Played against Clyde and the Australians during their tours of South Africa.

PETERSON, Eric Brian: Age 18. 130 lbs., 5ft. 9in. Played first match for Natal against the Israel Touring Team in 1953 and has been a regular member of the team this year. Is the youngest player ever to have represented South Africa. Plays inside or outside left.

PALMER, Ian Derrick Jeffrey: Age 29; 152 lbs.; 5ft. 8in. First played for Natal in 1946 and was selected to play his first game for South Africa against the visiting Clyde team from Scotland in 1947. Was this year appointed for position of Captain of the Natal and has led the team with distinction Plays in any position in the forwards.

FOURIE, Les: Was spotted playing Sunday football by a representative of Charlton Athletic and had a short engagement with that club. Has always played on the left wing where he represented South Africa against Dundee. On his return from England played for a short time with Arcadia before joining his present club Rangers.

FREW, Gordon: Captain of the team. Played in the Springbok side against the Australians in 1950 and against Clyde in 1947; he played for Wanderers and Marists before joining Dundee. Since his return, he has been turning out regularly for Marists and entertaining the crowd with very polished football.

PATON, Harold: Plays inside right. Is one of the veterans of the team chosen for the Australian tour; 32 years of age; he has been playing in first class football since 1946. Has played for Natal, Eastern Transvaal, Southern Transvaal and now represents Rhodesia. Received his first International cap in 1950, playing three times against Australia. Next played for South Africa in 1952 and captained the Springboks against Newcastle United. A serious knee operation, however, put him out of the running for the 1953 team which toured Britain. Paton is also an off spin bowler almost of South African class.

GIBSON, Brian Kenneth: Age 25; 145 lbs.; 5ft. 6in. First played for Natal against the Australian team that toured South Africa during 1949. Capped for South Africa in 1953 and toured England with the South African team in 1953. Plays either inside right or right half.

LE ROUX, Daniel Louw: Age 21; 176 lbs.; 5ft. 10½in. First played for Natal against Newcastle United in 1952 and has been a regular member of the team. Toured England with the South Africans in 1953. Plays outside right.

KENNEDY, John E.: Manager. Arrived in South Africa from London in 1924 and joined Western Province F.A. as a referee. Had 25 years as First Division Referee in several Provinces of the Union as well as the Middle East during the war. Officiated in two Test matches, South Africa v. Motherwell, 1931; and South Africa v. Aberdeen, 1937; hon. treasurer South African Football Association 1939-43. Manager Wanderers (Services) team on tour in Palestine and Syria 1943-44. Executive member South African Football Association 1953-55.

MURRAY, A. P.: Assistant manager. Represented Maritzburg, Durban, Natal, as half back and forward. Refereed Provincial and International matches. Past President Natal Football Association and member South African Football Association executive. Played cricket for Natal, and broadcasts Soccer and cricket tests. Member Boxing Board of Control.

SALTER, P. J.: Trainer.

THE AUSTRALIANS

W. Henderson (N.S.W.): Goal. One of the best keepers Australia has produced. Played against Austria in the first two Tests, but was then omitted and Ron. Lord was brought in. Bill has now regained his position and will give a good account of himself.

Tom Jack (Vic.): Right back. Prominent in Victorian Soccer for many years after arriving from Scotland, where he played in top grade. Toured South Africa with the Australians in 1950, and was one of the outstanding successes of the tour. He occupied the centre half berth then, and was considered one of the best "stoppers" in Australia. Has played in most of the Tests this year, but this is the first time Queensland has seen him in action since Victoria visited us in 1952.

Alec. Duncan (Q'land): Left back. One of Queensland's most respected players. Although considered in the veteran stage, has confounded the critics with his splendid work this season. Has led the State team with distinction this season and is making a comeback to international football after a spell of seven years.

J. Marston (N.S.W.): Centre half. Has recently returned from England where he was one of Prestons outstanding players, and with whom he played in the F.A. Cup final against West Bromwich Albion. Appeared out of touch in his previous appearances here, but since then has played some magnificent football for Australia and was one of the stalwart defenders who kept the Austrians at bay during that hectic second half of the game won by Australia 3-2.

C. Sander (Q'land): Left half. One of Australia's most promising players. Has wonderful ball control and distribution, and is considered by most as an Olympic prospect. Played in the first five Tests this year, then was surprisingly omitted. His return is not only welcome but also deserved.

"Bunny" Nunn (Q'land): Outside right. Until recently was generally Australia's first choice as centre forward, but now comes into the side as a winger. Has played in this position for Queensland with success. First played for Australia in 1948, and toured South Africa where he became top scorer for the tour.

J. Laughran (Vic.): Inside right. Made a creditable Test debut against South China in Brisbane and has retained his place in each Test since.

Col. Kitching (Q'land): Centre forward. Has at last been given a chance to show his prowess in top class. He is another of our most promising youngsters, with a fine goal-scoring record. In the First Division Premiership this year he scored 39 goals in 18 games, and in all matches to date has netted 52. Has been prominent in Queensland football from his school days through Junior ranks, and followed this with some fine performances in Senior ranks.

J. Lennard (N.S.W.): Inside left. Was prominent here in the New Zealand Test last year, but this is his first Test appearance since. Showed good ball control, and a readiness to make use of opportunities offering.

C. Higgins (Q'land): Outside left. This is his fourth consecutive Test. Was first chosen to play against South China in the second Test, won by Australia, and remained in the team for the successful game against Austria and the final South China meeting. Before coming to Australia was on the books of an English League club as a goalkeeper.

THE RESERVES

N. Clarke: Right back.
Al. Warren: Centre half.
Cliff. Sander: Left half.
Spencer Kitching Inside right.
Don. Bullock Goalie.

THIS WILL HELP

For the benefit of those spectators who are not familiar with the rules of our Game, we append herewith diagrams and explanatory notes regarding some of the main points.

1. The team scoring the most goals is the winner of the match. If an equal number of goals are scored the match is drawn.

2. The basic factors relating to the scoring of a goal are:

(a) The whole of the ball must pass over the goal line, between the posts and under the crossbar. (See diagram 1).

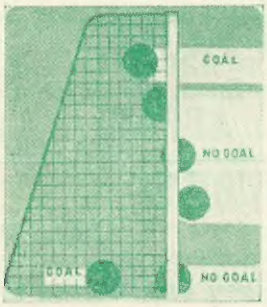

Diagram 1

(b) The ball must not be thrown, carried, or propelled by hand or arm of a player of the attacking side. This includes a throw in from the touch line.

OFFSIDE

A player is offside if he is nearer his opponents' goal line than the ball at the moment the ball is played: Unless:

(a) He is in his own half of the field of play.

(b) There are two of his opponents NEARER to their own goal line than he is.

(c) The ball last touched an opponent or was played by him.

(d) He received the ball direct from a goal kick, a corner kick, a throw in, or when it is dropped by the referee.

N.B.: A player in an offside position shall not be penalised unless, in the opinion of the referee, he is interfering with the play or with an opponent, or is seeking to gain an advantage by being in an offside position.

THE PENALTY KICK

The Penalty Kick is taken from the penalty spot, 12 yards from the mid-point of the goal line between the goal posts.

When the Penalty Kick is being taken, all players other than the goalkeeper and the player taking the kick must be:—

(a) On the field of play.

(b) Outside the Penalty area.

(c) At least 10 yards from the ball until the kick has been taken.

(d) The goalkeeper must stand (without moving his feet) on his goal line between the goal posts until the ball has been kicked by the player taking the penalty.

BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

The dimensional lines marked on the ground are within the field of play. The ball is out of play only when it has WHOLLY crossed the goal or touch line in the air or on the ground. The outside edge of the lines represent the thread of limit to the field of play. (See diagram 3).

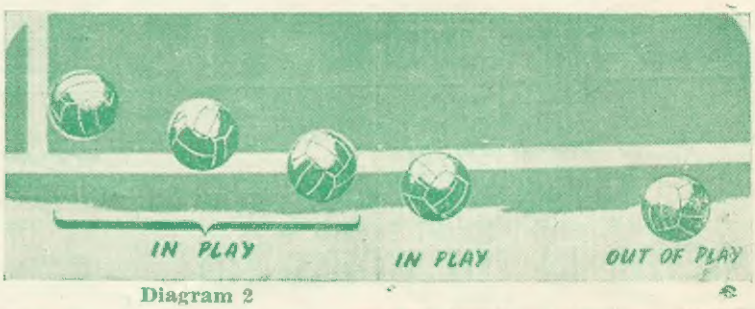

Diagram 2

"K.K." REPORTS ON COUNTRY SOCCER

Although Queensland Soccer strength has for years, been centred in Brisbane and Ipswich, the round ball code is making rapid strides in the country.

All large cities and towns along the coast have teams and the game is gaining immense popularity throughout the State.

Leaving Brisbane in a northerly direction, our first big Soccer centre is Gympie.

Brisbane clubs have made frequent visits to this centre for games against the local side.

Maryborough: Here again the game has grown to strength, and Metropolitan teams make regular visits. The last to visit Maryborough were Corinthians, who report an improving standard.

Bundaberg is one of our strongest and most progressive Soccer towns, and like Gympie and Maryborough plays host to different Brisbane and Ipswich clubs.

Last team to visit Bundaberg was Merton Rovers, and they played at the Bundaberg's own ground under the newly installed floodlights.

Further along the coast we have the game established at Gladstone. They play regular matches with Bundaberg and the inland town of Biloela.

Postal Institute will visit Gladstone on September 17, and will be taking with them junior, G. Negus, winner of the recent "Courier-Mail" Ball Control Competition. He will give exhibitions.

Biloela, following the arrival of some New Australians, will compete with Gladstone for a special trophy, the Shelland Cup, while earlier in the season, Gladstone and Bundaberg contested the Martin Hansen Cup.

Like Bundaberg, Rockhampton is one of the strongest Soccer centres, and conducts regular inter-club series of fixtures in which Mt. Morgan also participates.

The recent schoolboys tour to Central Queensland, took in Rockhampton where the local officials billeted privately both the Brisbane and Ipswich lads.

One of the world's most handsome trophies, "The Wesley Hall Cup" is competed for in Rockhampton.

The Rowlands Cup competition is an annual afair in which Bundaberg and "Rocky" vie for supremacy. Three weeks ago Bundaberg won the honour for 1955.

The two teams will be seen in action, in the main curtain raiser to the South African Test.

Interest in these centres is so strong that they are paying for all travelling expenses to and from Brisbane to participate in this curtain raiser.

Central Queensland stage the the Buxton Cup Carnival each year, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Mackay competing. This competition is controlled by a special Buxton Cup Zone committee.

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Sugar towns of Mackay and Sarina, are two more where Soccer has gained a solid footing.

Early in August, Mackay was the scene of a series of schoolboy games between Brisbane, Ipswich and Mackay. It was most successful.

Ingham is another Soccer stronghold, and last week was the venue of the North Queensland Finals.

State and Australian Coach, Harry Brophy, was invited to make the trip to Ingham at the expense of the North Queensland Association.

North Queensland hon. secretary, Bill Bowdidge, was responsible for the suggestion, as he felt that this was one way in which the southern authorities could see some of the promising talent now available in the country areas.

Harry, as State coach and selector, was just the man for the job, and it is quite possible that, as a result of his visit, we may see some of the country lads gaining representative honours in the near future.

Townsville, the administrative centre of the North Queensland Association, has its own club teams, and also meets teams from Ayr, Ingham, and Innisfail.

Townsville was represented in all the North Queensland Finals last week.

Cairns has its own Association, separate from North Queensland, but it is hoped that next year will see them in the North Queensland fold.

Attempts are being made to form another zone, which will take in Mareeba (Base) and all teams on the Atherton Tablelands.

South again, and inland, we find Toowoomba and Stanthorpe growing in strength, and several Brisbane and Ipswich clubs have visited these centres.

Mt. Isa has its own club competition of four teams, and at least 50 schoolboys attend coaching classes each week. The Mt. Isa Mines management are building a new oval, which will be equipped with dressing rooms and a grandstand to seat 1,000. Cost will be over £3,000.

Premiership— THE MEN WHO GOT THE GOALS

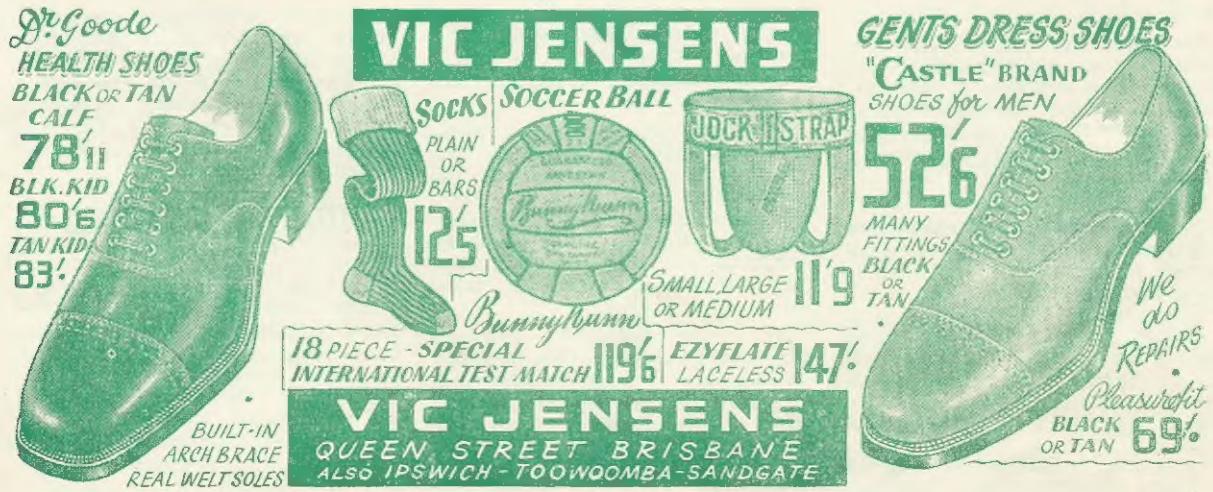
Bundamba centre-forward, Col. Kitching, headed the goal scoring aggregate for the premiership this season with 39 goals.

Col's feat was the best achievement since the war, and represents slightly better than two goals for every premiership game played.

"Bunny" Nunn was only seven goals behind him with 32.

The leading scorers were:

C. Kitching (Bundamba)	39
G. Nunn (St. Helens)	32
M. Wild (Easts)	26
J. Johnstone (Blackstone)	24
R. Page (Oxley)	20
L. Verrall (Dinmore)	15
M. Brittain (Oxley)	14
R. Hassett (Easts)	13
S. Morgan (Thistle)	12
E. Noble (Dinmore)	12
W. Jones (Corinthians)	11
S. Kitching (Bundamba)	10
A. Pitcairn (St. Helens)	10



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Yes, freedom from worry means a lot to a football club. When he was manager of Newcastle United George Martin used to say that he loved to hear pandemonium in the dressing-room.

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This Year's International Referee

William (Bill) Scott Malcolm is one of Queensland's most outstanding referees and at the age of 34 years has had much experience in the Soccer world. He was born in Scotland in the town of Aberdeenshire and commenced playing Soccer at school in Glasgow at the age of 11 as inside right. After that he played as right-half in Boys' Brigade until 17 years of age. The following eight years he spent playing in Lancashire and Ayrshire Leagues.

After his playing career terminated he decided to take up the whistle and was admitted to the examination of the Scottish Football Association in May, 1945, passing same with 91%, after which he was accepted into the Referees' Association in June of the same year.

He commenced his referee's duties in Churches, Boys' Brigade, Shopkeepers and Mid-week Leagues. After spending three years in these Leagues he then applied for Junior employment and linesmen's duties in Reserve Grade.

On arriving in Australia in 1953 he spent some time in Townsville with our colleague Mr. Bill Bowdidge before settling here in Brisbane in September of that year. Since then Bill has become well known as a very capable referee in First Division and this year has reached the top of the ladder, being appointed to the three Tests in Brisbane (surely a record for any referee in one season).

When not refereeing Bill is a very active member of the Union, being vice-president and a member of the Examination Board and a keen worker for the Cadet Referees. Being a young man Bill has got many years yet in front of him as a first-class referee.

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In the Taringa-Aston Villa Fourth Grade game at Milton Park, 20/8/55, neither team was at full strength and the result in favour of Aston Villa was a fair indication of the relative merits of the two sets of nine lads. Aston Villa, 1 goal; Taringa nil.

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TOOWOOMBA

Referee: Mr. W. Meehan.
Linesmen: Messrs. A. Dobinson and K. White.

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(GREEN)

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ROCKHAMPTON
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BUNDABERG

Referee: R. James.

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(Maroon and White Sleeves)

1. H. LAMBOUR
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3. R. LUXTON
4. R. JEFFS
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(Dark Blue)

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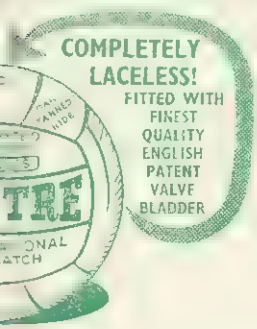

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play of young Range in the Taringa forward line and on inquiry was informed that it was his first game of Soccer. Obviously a natural ball player he had the football intelligence to look for a man to whom to pass the ball before he kicked it along the ground. How vastly improved our football in any grade would be if each player had the good sense to do likewise. It's a very rare emergency that calls for unplaced clearances.

The result of the Stewart Shield game, Mitchelton-Thistle at Lanham Park on Sunday was a win for Thistle by 3 goals to nil. This was a keen and cleanly fought match and Mitchelton were a little unlucky not to have had at least two goals, one of which in the first fifteen minutes of the game might have made all the difference between winning and losing. However, Thistle defence was strong enough to restrain the Mitchelton attack and a win was justly deserved although the margin might have been a bit closer.

Mitchelton, like Aston Villa First Grade Juniors, is essentially a team. By that I mean there is no outstanding individual brilliance—every man plays his part and plays it well and it would be difficult to single out any one player. Doug. Green, Fred Horne, and Brian Waters all did excellent work in defence and the forwards, led by Harold Carnall, gave the Thistle defence very little rest. One first time shot by Carnall must have gone pretty close to breaking the crossbar with Smith completely beaten.

Thistle had two Third Graders in their forward line, Nero Saftich and Rod. Britton, both of whom almost justified a permanent place in the First Grade team even though Rod. Britton was playing in the, for him, unaccustomed position of inside right.

Saftich at centre-forward opened the scoring for Thistle with a very nicely controlled right foot shot in the top left hand corner of the net that had Mitchelton goalkeeper beaten all the way.

Alan Bothwell's play at inside left, in my opinion, stamps him as one of our very best prospects in the Junior football forwards. Admittedly he was playing against Second Grade Junior boys, but he himself is still eligible to play in that grade and it would not dim the merit of his performance.

This boy will outdrive Malcolm Wild even now and his first goal came from a shot from 15 yards out that lifted the Mitchelton goalie right off his feet and indeed temporarily stunned him, and Bothwell, following on, placed the ball in the corner of the goal. His second goal from a very neat and intelligent pass back from Saftich was a drive from outside the penalty area that did not rise a foot and gave the goalie no chance—I doubt if he even saw it.

Tommy Blackburn, promoted for the day from Thistle Second Grade team never let up on Mick Connor on Mitchelton's left wing, while "Bluey" Smith at left-half is where he ought always to be and that too without any disparagement to Ernie Bell who was good enough to represent the Brisbane under 21 side against Ipswich.

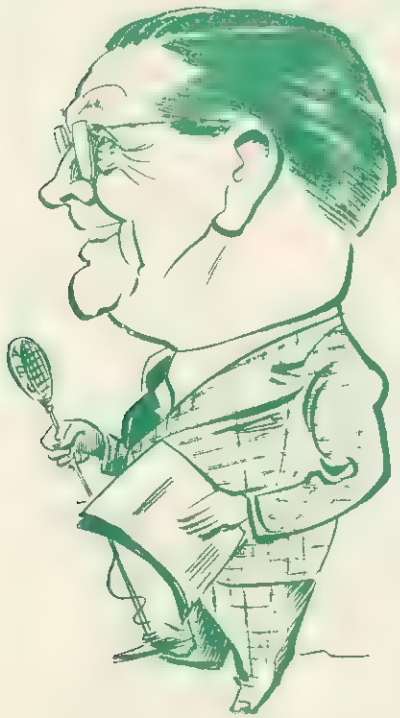
Hugh Herald played well and so too did the Travis Bros. The cover defence of the latter was an object lesson—if Fred wasn't there, Albert was and between them they broke up quite a numebr of dangerous moves of the Mitchelton pack who tried desperately hard to break through.

Thistle sadly lacks that close passing attractive game that has so much appeal to the onlooker and which I am sure they could do particularly well if they would only make up their minds to exploit it. However, one cannot quarrel with a winning combination and Jimmy Lee who has brought them through four premierships—Fourth, Third, Second and now First Grade Junior, has done a mighty job. Congratulations, Jim.

Charlestown, Newcastle Under 18 Junior team, will be amongst us as you read these notes and we extend a cordial welcome to them and hope they are enjoying their stay in our midst.

Looking back through the season, and as one who is in a position to observe without bias, I am sure we need not fear that our standard of football is slipping. If the boys themselves continue to remain keen and practice ball control in their spare moments throughout the summer months—a tennis ball in the back yard will do—then next football season, when we hold our inter-State carnival, Queensland should acquit themselves very well

Bob Jones of Ipswich would be able to enlighten us on the merits of his boys up there. Ipswich football is always on a par with Brisbane. I have not had the opportunity of observing them play but I do know that in the Under 18 Ipswich team young Clayton has the Brisbane selectors scratching their heads as he is a hard lad to hold once he gets the ball, and he is always looking for it too.



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Something For The Scotties

TALES THAT FLOW FROM THE SCOTTISH CUP

I was chatting to Jackie Hather, the Aberdeen outside-left, about this, that and the next thing when I remembered to mention that I could hardly recall an Englishman who has won a Scottish Cup medal.

Jackie was in the Scottish Cup Final in 1953 and as you know Aberdeen, the farthest north League team in these islands, went to the Final last season too—taking Jackie with them.

Jackie, you see, is an English boy. Aberdeen found him playing with Annfield Plain in County Durhan five years ago.

"My village has got an English Cup medal already," said Jackie. "Tom Garrett, of Blackpool, played in the same village team as I did and he won his medal at Wembly against Bolton Wanderers. It

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would be fine if I could take a Scottish Cup medal home, too," Only Celtic brilliance stopped the dream coming true last season.

Yes, fine indeed, for although English players have been coming around Scottish football for years and years very few have captured a Scottish Cup medal.

Please don't tell me that Celtic's captain, when they won the Scottish Cup in 1937, was an Englishman! Willie Lyon, the fellow I mean, was an Englishman only for international purposes. He was of Scots parents in England and was so much of a Scot that he captained the Scottish team in Canada in 1939.

One of my most vivid memories is of the rain-splashed April day in 1939 when England beat Scotland at Hampden Park for the first time since 1927.

As 150,000 Scots went miserably home to tea there was a scene of rejoicing in the English dressing-room. The players could hardly believe they had triumphed for the result had been in doubt until ninety seconds from the end.

It was then that Len Goulden had weaved across the field and passed to Stanley Matthews. From Matthews' centre Tommy Lawton's smooth dark head flicked the ball into the net. In that moment the Hampden roar was suddenly silenced

"This is the win I have always longed for," said Eddie Hapgood, proud captain of England. And Lawton remarked: "Thank goodness I was able to score that goal to make up for the one I'd missed earlier."

Joe Mercer, who had run himself into the ground, added the human touch when someone asked what his mother thought about the game. "She always does think I'm good," he said. "It's nice to have someone like that."

The human touch often spreads from the manager's office to the folk on the terraces. And it is only the stupid managers who do not regard the customers as essential to them.

Diplomacy can often turn a potential enemy into a friend, and Tom Parker, the old Arsenal star, who was later manager of Southampton, made a practical demonstration of this fact.

Mr. Parker had been having trouble with mischievous letter writers at Southampton. Instead of ignoring them he would write back and say: "Come along to the Dell and have a chat about your worries."

One letter claimed that he and the Southampton players were at loggerheads. Mr. Parker told me: "I invited the supporter to see for himself whether this was true

"He was taken to the dressing-room and met all the staff. Then I left him alone with the players so that they could talk quite freely.

"Afterwards the supporter wrote to me giving a full apology and saying that he was perfectly satisfied that the rumours were unfounded. We became the best of friends."

The man who had been worried by the silly rumours was later one of the most loyal supporters Southampton ever had.

Whenever the team played away from home he sent a telegram wishing them the best of luck!

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TIMING A TACKLE

By Willie Watson
Sunderland and England

Every player, from full-back to wing-forward, should be able to tackle successfully. It should be as much a part of the player's repertoire as heading, trapping and shooting.

Tackling is mainly a question of timing. Once an opponent has the ball under control at his feet, it is inadvisable to rush in to tackle. It is then better to wait for him to make the next move.

The correct time for a tackle is either before the opponent has complete control of the ball or when he lets it run a short distance away from his feet. Then the tackle should be made promptly and wholeheartedly.

The eyes must be kept on the ball the whole time. If they watch the opponent, then a body feint or a quick movement, like that made by Stanley Matthews or Alex James, will make the tackler hesitate and give his opponent time to get out of distance.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Well, have you taken all that in? Perhaps it's a good thing that you have the book "for keeps" because I expect that you will want to carry on referring to it as your own problems arise.

Remember that practise makes perfect and that all the stars who have advised you here have, without exception, spent many hours polishing their skills, often by themselves after less enthusiastic players have gone home to tea.

Let's have a chat now about positional play—being in the right place at the right time writes Charles Buchan.

It applies not only when your side is in possession of the ball, but when the opposition has it. By looking a move ahead and anticipating what is likely to happen, a player can usually get into the position in which he will be most effective.

Joe Mercer, Arsenal half-back, and Ralph Carter, England inside-forward, were typical examples.

They used their heads to save their legs. They did not wait for things to happen. They were in position ready for anything that happened.

Each department of the team must have a working understanding concerning positional play. The goalkeeper and full-backs, for example, must work in complete harmony.

When the goalkeeper advances to field the ball, the full-backs should fall back and cover the goal. Eddie Hapgood, Arsenal left-back, and Bill Eckersley, of Blackburn Rovers, have saved many goals by intelligent positioning on the goal-line.

There should also be a set plan for every basic move, like corner-kicks and goal-kicks. Nothing should be left to chance by the defenders.

At all times, full-backs should seek to protect their goalkeeper. It is forbidden to obstruct an opponent or to charge him except when attempting to play the ball, but, by intelligent positioning, full-backs can, and should, cover the goalkeeper for the few seconds that give him time to deal safely with the ball.

There can be no set places for any defender, apart from standing on the goal-line for corner-kicks and guarding the empty goal when a goalkeeper takes a goal-kick. The rest is a matter for each individual.

But each one must be on the move in some way or other. He must never be caught standing still. Quick thinking, allied to quick movement in putting the thoughts into action, will usually take the player into the right spot.

And there must be understanding between the three defenders. Talks off the field, and occasional shouts on the field, will bring this about.

Never be afraid to let your colleagues know your intentions.

Wing-halves, for instance, are quite incapable of doing their jobs properly unless they have an understanding of their colleagues' intentions. And unless their posi-

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tional play is first-class they will be unable to carry out their dual duties of defender and aggressor.

First essential is for the wing-half to cover the opposing inside forward, to prevent him, as far as possible, from engineering openings or drawing defenders out of position.

He should try to be near enough to tackle the opponent before he gets the ball under complete control. Failing this, he should so position himself that he makes his opponent part with the ball hurriedly.

A rush tackle should be avoided. Clever players like Lionel Smith of Arsenal, or Jimmy Dickinson of Portsmouth, never tackle unless they have an odds-on chance of getting the ball.

When in possession of the ball, the wing-half must send it through to the forwards, quickly and along the ground, before the opposing defenders have time to cover up.

A quick service, even if not strictly accurate, is more effective than one made when the forwards have the opposition on their heels.

Now for a work about throws-in. My advice is to use a long one when you are attacking, a short one when defending.

Be careful about the throw to your own goalkeeper. It can be used only rarely because of the danger of interception.

A long throw is often as valuable to your side as a corner-kick, so try to increase the power of your throw. It is more a matter of technique than of brute-force. Bend your legs and push strongly from them as they come straight, rise from your heels and make your arched body a kind of spring.

There is another important point. A wing-half should always place himself in position for a pass from his full-back. In that way, he can change defence into attack in one move.

Billy Nicholson of the Spurs, and Harry Johnston of Blackpool, make a point of moving into position when their full-backs have the ball. They always keep in the game.

A wing-half, too, should follow up his forwards when they are attacking. He must be there to help them out of awkward situations. A short pass to a half-back can be very disconcerting to the opposition.

Billy Wright, captain of England, and Jim Scoular, tough Scottish international, are, in most cases, near enough to their forwards to join in an attack. Triangular wing play is the result of their co-operation.

There can be no idle moments for a wing-half. Even when play is on the opposite side of the field he must be thinking ahead, moving into the right position for the next move.

Not only must he be sufficiently near the opposing inside forward, but he must be handy to cover up the centre-half, or full-back, in case of mistakes.

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And at corner-kicks, it is his business to see that there is no loop-hole in the defensive structure on his side of the field.

It is a ninety-minutes job.

As the pivot round which the whole defensive system works, the centre-half also has an important positional duty—that of controlling the approach to his goal.

He must not be a "stopper" purely and simply. While his primary duty is to watch closely the opposing centre-forward and see that he does no damage, it is also up to him to dominate the danger area in front of goal.

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Jack Froggatt of Portsmouth, and Laurie Hughes of Liverpool, are centre-halves who accomplish this purpose in different ways. But the effect is the same.

They so position themselves that any attack coming from the centre can be met squarely. And the wing-halves and full-backs, knowing their methods, take up position accordingly.

In this way, the opposition always have two men to beat before they can open up a path to goal. It is "defence in depth" with the centre-half dictating the policy.

It is obvious that the centre-half should never stray far from his beat. Roving centre-forwards will try to lure him away from the centre, but he must not fall into the trap.

There are times when the centre-half will be called upon to dash out to the flanks. Whenever he does so, he must have an odds-on chance of getting the ball. To take a risk is unforgivable.

Ray Daniel, Wales and Arsenal centre-half, will often be seen out on the wings, cutting off a ball intended for an opposing forward. He never goes, however, unless he is certain in his own mind that he will get the ball.

Another important branch of the centre-half's job is to cut out centres from the opposing wings. This, again, is a matter of positioning.

It is essential that he should get to the ball before the centre-forward. He should position himself so that he can deal with any centre that lands in the goalmouth.

Harry Clarke, the big Spurs' centre-half, is an expert in this respect. And one point about which he makes certain he is never flat-footed, waiting for the ball. He goes to meet it as soon as he has judged the place where it will drop.

A good understanding with the full-backs is demanded. Their positioning depends so much upon the centre-half that he must make up his mind quickly—and act quickly, too.

The points mentioned apply to all classes of football, from the schoolboy to the top-class professional. But the juniors must adapt their play to fit their physique and the style of the team.

Many young players are physically incapable of doing the job from a position somewhere between the full-backs. They should position themselves accordingly, always remembering that it is up to them to bar the road to goal.

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He then became a player coach to a London team until he answered a letter from Queensland regarding coming to Australia. He became a player coach for Corinthians alng with former English Amateur International, Stanley Eastham. Harry was mainly instrumental in introducing the "third-back" or modern type of football into Queensland and had much success as a representative player. He has captained Brisbane on many occasions, led the Queensland team that defeated N.S.W. in 1950, and captained an Australian XI. that toured New Caledonia. Has created quite an impression with his coaching of our State teams.

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For this reason a young centre-half should rarely stray up-field. It leaves the way open for a fast break-away. He can prompt attacks by making use of his wing half-backs and the long sweeping pass to the wing forwards.

A good rule for a young centre-half is always to be near enough to the opposing centre-forward so that he can be tackled before he has at least 50 x 100 yards of territory in which to keep the ball in the field of play, yet how often has the ball under complete control.

With the provision, of course, that the centre-forward is in his proper place in the centre of the field. If he has moved out to the flanks, the centre-half should stay in the middle, awaiting developments.

The ball must come in his direction in the end. He will be able to deal with it better from his correct place.

So much for the positional play of the centre-half. He must, also be an artist in ball control and headwork.

Being enclosed on all sides, he has little room in which to work. He must be able to control the ball perfectly, pass accurately, and beat his opponents to the ball in the air.

He should also be able to anticipate the run of the game intelligently.

He can save himself a lot of work, and cut down the mistakes, by using his head in more senses than one.

If a winger neglects his positional "sense" he is liable to idle away his time on the touchline, a passenger. When his side is defending he should be in such a position that if his wing-half-back or

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full-back has the ball, he can pass to him without difficulty.

Sonny Walters and Alf Ramsay, of Tottenham Hotspur provide the perfect example. When Ramsey has the ball, Walters, the outside-right, is always back in position to receive it.

With one kick, Spurs turn defence into attack. And it is the positional play of the wing-forward that is responsible for the quick change.

It should be the same when the goalkeeper has the ball. A wing-forward, by a timely dash clear of the opposition, will make it easy for the goalkeeper to place his clearance perfectly.

Frank Swift, former England international goalkeeper, made a feature of this attacking move.

As soon as Swift received the ball, either Stan Matthews or Tom Finney dropped back into a clear position.

A fast throw by the goalkeeper to the wing-forward's feet and England were on the attack.

Then, when his side is pressing the opponents' goal, a wing-forward can, by clever positioning, become a potential scorer.

It is a question of timing. To take up position in front of goal when play is on the opposite flank gives the opposition time to cover up.

But a quick dash when the ball is coming across often catches the opponent unawares.

Alec Jackson, Scotland, Huddersfield and Chelsea winger, scored many goals by quick bursts into the goalmouth. Cliff Bastin, Arsenal and England outside-left, also earned a big reputation as an opportunist in this way.

A wing-forward can also make things easier for his partner, or the centre-forward, by timing his moves correctly. A quick move into position, with a sharp call for the ball when his colleague has it, can be very effective.

He can also make it possible for the through pass, or the pass inside the full-back, to be exploited. All that is required is a little anticipation. He must be on the move before the pass is made.

A wing-forward, too, must be always looking for the ball. It is his own fault if he goes unattended for long periods during the game.

If he remains out on the touchline he makes it comparatively easy for the opposing full-backs to mark him and tackle before he has the ball under complete control.

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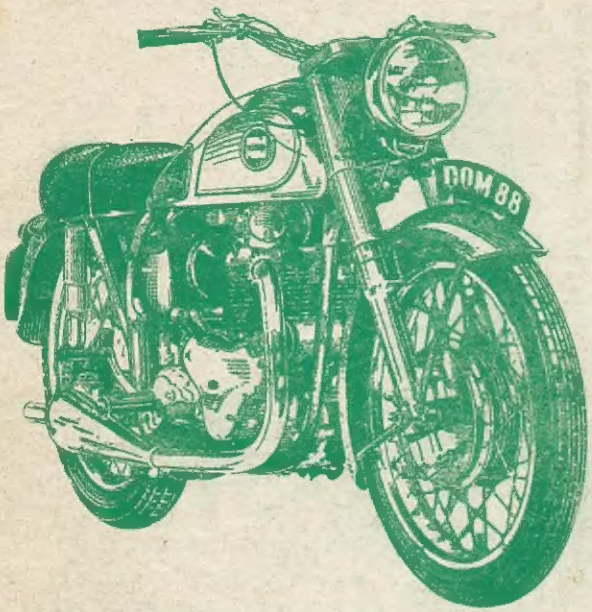

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